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What Is Hearst's Game?

The candidacy of William Randolph Hearst for the governorship of New York attracted more attention during the campaign than any other contest of the scores and hundreds which were going on throughout the United States. There were many reasons for this. There was Hearst's personality which is a matter of as vigorous controversy as the identity of "the man in the iron mask." There was the throttling quality of his newspaper methods. There was the extreme radicalism he injected into current political thought and discussion. There was the astonishing organizing quality he displayed, not the organizing power that proceeds from great movements of the people, but the organizing power that simulates, if it does not create, great movements of the people, whose means are an abundant—practically an unlimited—supply of money, its use directed by an agent of great skill in the planning and detail of organization—and used, not in corruption and bribery, but in the material assistance to organization and propaganda which is represented by the rent of halls and committee rooms, advertising, traveling expenses and that sort of thing. How unlimited that supply of money was is shown by Mr. Hearst's account of expenses amounting in all to more than a quarter of a million dollars.

On the other hand there was the tremendous sentiment the candidacy of Hearst's opponent created. Hughes is in many respects a less known personality than Hearst. His reputation rests on some capable public service all rendered outside of official life. Whether he shall prove such a "tribune of the people," as the reputation created for him has given expectation of, or whether he shall prove to have been one of those shrewd, calculating men, who work by indirection, and who in reality is the representative of things as they are, instead of things as they should be, as there are not wanting many well-informed people who believe, remains to be seen.

All these reasons were sufficient to bring the New York contest into pre-eminence in this campaign. But after all the real reason for the overwhelming prominence which the New York campaign had in the thought of the American people was something else. It was a something that was not formulated, but was felt. It is only now beginning to be realized. That reason is the relation the result of the election bore to Hearst's presidential aspirations. There was general recognition of the fact that if he were elected Governor of New York it would make him a formidable candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. But the effect of defeat for the governorship does not seem to have been so clearly recognized. It is beginning to be now, however. It is seen that, at least under ordinary circumstances, and in the light of precedent, no man who has demonstrated that he cannot carry New York, especially when his party can, is an eligible or even a possible candidate for the Presidency. So far then as precedent goes, Hearst's defeat for Governor of New York has ended him as a presidential possibility in 1908.

But is Hearst bound by precedent? He hasn't been in the past. His wonderful resources of publicity and of putting himself forward and the undoubted hold which he has through his newspapers on a very large element of the American people, give reason to doubt whether he will be bound by precedent in such a matter. In fact there is in his actions and attitude since the election suggestion of plans and strategy to make his defeat a stepping stone to the nomination for the presidency. One of the first surprises in his post-election conduct was the quick suppression of the cry of fraud which his political manager, Ihmsen, had raised. Ihmsen declared that there was enough fraud in the up-state elections to have elected Hearst. But the statement was only made once. It was not caught up and repeated and reiterated in the usual Hearst way until by mere force of din many people were persuaded that it might be so. Instead of attempting, as he did after the mayoralty election a year ago, to force a recount, he accepted the results of the count, acknowledged the election of his opponent, and there will be no contest.

What the reasons for this may have been can only be conjectured. Perhaps the experience in the mayoralty recount proposition may have taught him the futility of such efforts. Perhaps he recognizes the fact that unless the proof of errors in the conduct of an election or in the count proves overwhelmingly a widespread and deliberate effort to defeat the will of the people, the public has no sympathy with recount and election contests. The defeated candidate who begins a contest for a recount or a new election, unless he is able to prove serious and widespread fraud, loses the good will of the public. Hearst may have taken this into consideration. He may also have taken into consideration the possibilities of Hughes' administration. If Hughes shall disappoint the people who elected him, his unpopularity will rebound, or can be made to rebound, to the political benefit of Hearst.

Perhaps Hearst is planning to make his defeat more effectual for his purposes than his election would have been.

Notaries And Legislators

The discovery that certain persons elected to the legislature held commissions of office under the government of the territory, raises the question of what shall be done under the circumstances. The inhibition against the eligibility of notaries public seems complete. That against agents to grant marriage licenses seems equally certain. The question therefore is, in the case of any person who, while a notary or agent to grant marriage licenses, was elected a member of either house, how shall the question of the eligibility as a practical matter be settled?

The same Organic Act which disqualifies such officials, also provides that each house shall be the judge of the election, qualifications and returns of its own members. Is it then within the power of the certifying official to refuse to certify the election of any person whom he may deem disqualified? or must he certify the result of the election as it is returned by the election officers and leave to the separate houses of the legislature the question of whether such qualification exists or not?

In the case of Senator-elect Chillingworth another question may arise. That is as to what constitutes a man a notary public. It is understood that Mr. Chillingworth had declined to renew his license as a notary, without which no notary can act as such, and had in a number of ways indicated his intention not to continue as a notary, and his belief that he no longer was one. Whether these acts indicating intention are sufficient to constitute a termination of the office, may be a question to be determined before the main one of disqualification is decided, whatever tribunal decides the matter.

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Aside from the letter from Captain Berger to the Board of Supervisors, there have been no public complaints by members of the band. Joe Cohen seems to have been working toward home with a determination to get them here some way. Now the community has determined to have the band here at once.

One of the candidates includes in his expense account a "chicken dinner" at Nine Miles, twenty-five cents.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

The German editor who criticized the Emperor for plucking a flower in violation of the law has gone to jail for ten months. Perhaps he had considered the "divine right" business a joke.

Of course, the Carnegie heroes are not to wear the medals. There is a limit to their courage.

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